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*Chris Jones. InfoWorld. San Mateo: Mar 31, 1997. Vol. 19, Iss. 13; pg. 6, 1 pgs*

**Abstract (Summary)**

In April 1997, [Oracle Corp.](#) will pledge to support JavaSoft's Java Shopping Cart in its Project Apollo electronic-commerce platform. The initiative will come as part of a large e-commerce announcement. Java Shopping Cart - part of JavaSoft's Java Commerce Toolkit - is an applet for online merchants to store buyer's purchases as they surf commerce-enabled Web sites.

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[Oracle's](#) Project Apollo Internet Merchant Server, which is a cartridge for Web Server 3.0 and the linchpin in [Oracle's](#) e-commerce strategy, will support the Shopping Cart applet and provide developers with back-end servers and databases to which they can link their e-commerce applications. Shopping Cart also fits in with [Oracle's](#) thin-client network computer and smart-card plans. (See article, right.)

Although Java is a stretch for e-commerce applications in the short term, Java Shopping Cart and Java Wallet could provide a compelling online shopping experience.

"A trusted-source service that could be called and used to dynamically assemble a user's identity and wallet fits better with the whole need for portability," said Stan Dolberg, an analyst at [Forrester Research](#), in Cambridge, Mass. "If you buy something from a Java station at an airport, for example, you would want to download your wallet from a trusted site or use a smart card to do it."

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Java Wallet, a key element of the Java Commerce Toolkit currently in beta testing, manages a user's credit cards, electronic cash, digital certificates, and other payment information. [iOracle](#) declined to comment, but sources said Java Wallet will also be part of [iOracle's](#) announcement.

Some analysts said JavaSoft's biggest chore will be getting its commerce software onto users' desktops.

"What other distribution plans does JavaSoft have, and how does it get on the desktop - which [iMicrosoft](#) and Netscape pretty much control?" asked Chris Stevens, an analyst at the [iAberdeen Group](#), in Boston.

"Java implementations make sense long term, but it's an issue of timing," Stevens said.

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